

# EIMS and SIF News

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## EIMS Release—March 13th

The next update to EIMS is scheduled to feature these changes:

File Management:

Stop "Unspecified" gender value from being entered into the system.

Add STI to line item describing the error.

Creating Reports:

Add "Local Use" field to the Optional selection criteria on the Long. Performance Reports.

Add new data to the Student Roster Sub Report Set that includes Organization (Teacher) as well as Student, STI, and standard score columns.

Change the order of the subjects presented in the % Pass Rate by Subgroup bar graph on the At-a-Glance screen to: Reading, Math, Science, History, Writing.

Add 'Sch A' or 'Div A' to the report column headers in Comparison Reports.

In the "Test Status" filter, change LEP to "LEP Exempt."

Change the Score Analysis Reports' column headers from "# of Students" to "# of Tests"

Change the Score Analysis & Performance Analysis Reports' column headers from "% Tested" to "% of Tests"

Managing Data:

Assessment records in the Assessment History Tab will be sorted from ascending to descending chronological order.

## New EIMS Help Desk Email Address

Please report all EIMS problems to Pearson using this new email address:

[reportingsolutions@support.pearson.com](mailto:reportingsolutions@support.pearson.com)

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### State Issued RFP

The vendor proposals were received on Feb 7th. The proposal review team is expected to complete the review by March 12th.

# Important Notice—EIMS Prime Contact Change

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I will be spending the bulk of my time on the grant EIMS Expansion initiative (eTranscript, Student Record Exchange, etc.), SIF and the SIS RFP and have turned Production EIMS over to Kris Herakovich.

Please call Kris with EIMS questions, issues, problems and suggestions from this point forward. Feel free to call or contact me if you do not think your concerns are being adequately addressed.

You can still call me, or your SRC contact, regarding coding questions.

Kris can be reached at 804-363-3236 and at [kris.herakovich@pearson.com](mailto:kris.herakovich@pearson.com)

**Note from Kris:** *Greetings! Most of you already know me and have my contact information, however please don't hesitate to contact me anytime I may be of service. I look forward to working with you more closely.*

## EIMS Potpourri

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- The VESIS meeting is schedule to take place on February 19th at 10:00AM in Richmond.
- Strongly recommend that divisions submit full data upload or sync of all Active and Inactive records to EIMS before Spring Assessments.
- Performing an STI Merge will cause any Assessments associated with the “retired” STI to be unavailable. Please print a copy of the Assessment scores for the file before merging the STIs. This issue will be fixed in a future release.
- **EIMS Account Managers:** Please remember to periodically review who has access to EIMS and disable accounts for retirees, resigned employees and those who have new positions that do not require access to EIMS.
- **User Acceptance Testing Volunteers Needed** for March 13th. Please email [kris.herakovich@pearson.com](mailto:kris.herakovich@pearson.com) if you can take a few minutes to help out.
- VAAP, VGLA and SUB assessments have been temporarily removed from EIMS because the initial display of all the data was incompatible. We are exploring new ways to display the data. More later.

## Increased Speed of the Student Locator Framework (SLF)

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We have shortened the retention of the SIF transaction logs in EIMS. This will allow us to process the SIF records quicker when an STI is requested. Therefore when you access EIMS file management, please note that the SIF transaction history will only be for the last 45 days. The manual EIMS transaction logs will continue to be held for 365 days.

## EIMS Expansion Initiative (New Data & eTranscripts)

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### Additional Data

We have begun the process of mapping and formatting SAT, AP and PALS data to be made available in EIMS. The process of creating meaningful displays and reports continues and will evolve as we find new ways to present the data and collect feedback from the divisions.

### eTranscripts

We have selected the divisions and institutions of higher education for this pilot. There is much to do between now and the end of June. We will be using SIF to transfer the data from the division's SIS through some intermediaries and onto Higher Ed. Several prerequisites are needed for this to happen including the upgrade of the ZIS software to VRF (vertical reporting framework ) and the upgrade of the SIS agent to the SIF 2.x specification.

## Monitoring SIF

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Generally, SIF works quietly in the background fetching STIs as needed; however, sometimes the division is unaware that SIF might be down and not processing STIs. Therefore, we monitor SIF activity twice a month and will call you to inform you if you need to restart SIF.

We will also be watchful for SIF installations that might have recurring problems, which we will escalate to look for the root cause.